Organ trade

513. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Organ trade angle in 17 year old's murder", which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 22nd October, 2002;

(b) whether it is a fact that organ trade is flourishing in and around Ghaziabad District and racketeers often trap people;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the steps being taken to check the organ trade throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Transplantation of Human Organs Act, 1994 confers authority on the Central Government/State Governments concerned to appoint by a notification one or more officers as Appropriate Authorities for the purposes of the Act with powers to grant registration to hospitals for removal, storage or transplantation of any human organ, to suspend or cancel such registration, to enforce such standards as may be prescribed, to investigate any complaint of breach of any provision of the said Act or any Rules made there under and inspect hospitals periodically. Provisions exist under sections 18 to 21 of the said Act to discourage trading in human organs.

Development of ROSNI

514. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new technique for curbing infertility among couples named ROSNI (Round Spermatid Nuclear Injection) has been developed, in the field of Test Tube Baby Technique and Artificial Reproductive Technology at the Jaipur Fertility and Microsurgery Research Centre;

(b) if so, the details of the technique and how far it has tested to be successful; and

(c) the steps being taken to promote the technique?